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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Of:)
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Tobacco Smoke Filter)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination
of the above application and prior to fee calculation.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A tobacco smoke filter, for use in a smokable
device comprising a body of tobacco, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said tobacco smoke
filter comprises a metal granulate including zinc, copper, or a copper-zinc alloy.

2. (Original) The tobacco smoke filter as recited in claim 1, comprising
a fibrous filter.

3. (Original) The tobacco smoke filter as recited in claim 2, wherein one
end of said fibrous filter defines an inhalation end, and said metal granulate is
disposed adjacent to an end of said fibrous filter opposite said inhalation end.